

Village Food Waste and Recycling Questionnaire Responses

(As of: January 28, 2015)

Interest in Participating?		How should the costs of the program be paid?	
Yes	97	Paid by Village Tax Revenue	85
No	71	Paid by Participants	53
Maybe	28	Shared	30
		Any of the Above	15
		No Opinion	13
Total:	196	Total:	196

Verbatim Comments:

- Residents are unlikely to secure lids causing vermin and raccoon problems.
- Expense is too high relative to likely benefit.
- Adds complexity to the waste system.
- Charging only participants is a disincentive to be a responsible citizen; charging via tax demonstrates the community good to all.
- Guidance by the Village is needed to encourage appropriate composting methods and responsible recycling by offering countertop and/or yard container.
- Village should contact several composting companies and negotiate a “group rate” for residents interested in having their food waste picked up.
- Measuring the impact of recycling and composting in reducing the trash by contacting Unity and interviewing their drivers.
- Families who want to compost should do it themselves and not have the local government be responsible for this program.
- How often will the scraps be picked up?
- Do not penalize the households that contribute to recycling their food by charging them. This should be the responsibility of all households and a shared cost.
- Consider a one-year trial program?
- Is there any room for a community garden?
- What would the size of the container be? Can it be cleaned easily?
- What will the compost be used for? Who will use it?
- More interested in an electronics recycling drop-off/collection at the Village Hall
- Payment from the Village tax revenue is imperative for this program to work.
- Consideration given to services such as compostcab.com which will return compost to subscribers. two times/year, or it can be donated to community gardens.
- Disposal of fats and greases?
- Would weekly pickup be done by a contractor, or would resident have to take it to a local composting facility?
- Space constrictions for containers?
- Offer demonstration/display at the Village.
- Consider giving a small rebate on waste pick up fees to encourage participation.
- Environmental effects?
- Go back to paper bags and use your garbage disposal. This should be a county issue.
- Participation should be voluntary.
- Too much of a tax burden.
- People who do not participate should be charged a fee to pay for the added burden they are placing on our landfills and the damage they are doing to the ecosystem.
- Should concentrate on the existing Village services, such as the timing of leaf collection.
- Taxes spent on police and safety and snow/leaf collection than this program. The Village needs to reduce or monitor spending better.
- Distribute composting containers to only residents who want them.
- Gladly support a decision by the Village to hire a service to shovel snow from all sidewalks.